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LETTER DATED 14 AUGUST 1996 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that at 1100 hours on 4 August 1996 a number of United States warplanes dropped 10 heat flares in the Saddam Dam area of Ninawa Governorate in northern Iraq.

I request you to intervene with the Government of the United States with a view to halting these acts of aggression against Iraqi civilian installations committed in violation of the Charter of the United Nations and international law.

I affirm the legally established right of the Republic of Iraq to seek compensation for the damage caused by these unwarranted actions by the United States, in accordance with the principle of international responsibility.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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